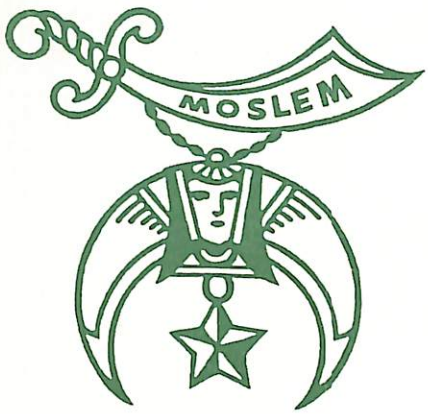
THOMAS D. VAN DINE CLASS



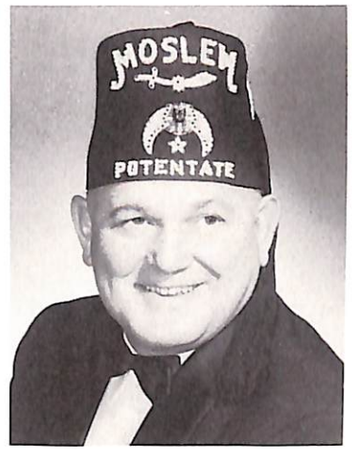
DIAMOND JUBILEE CEREMONIAL

MOSLEM TEMPLE SHRINE

OASIS OF DETROIT

MASONIC TEMPLE AUDITORIUM

Saturday, May 7, 1955



MARVIN G. LANE
Illustrious Potentate

Greetings, Nobles:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my personal greetings, and those of Moslem's official Divan, to the members of the wonderful Thomas D. Van Dine Diamond Jubilee Class, to the more than 14,000 Nobles of Moslem Temple Shrine, and to the distinguished visitors now in our midst from many nearby Temples.

I would like to especially thank the Nobles in the ceremonial cast, and to all the others in Moslem who have labored so diligently to make Moslem's Diamond Jubilee Ceremonial a success.

Moslem Temple was chartered on June 8, 1880, and all across the years it has flourished under the leadership of fine officers and loyal and enthusiastic members, until today it is the fifth largest Temple in all Shrinedom.

I would like to salute all those who have gone before, for their great contributions toward making Mighty Moslem a magnificent example of Shrine achievement. At the same time I offer my salaams to those still here with us who have given of their time, energy and talents to help Moslem achieve the greatness it enjoys.

May the blessings of Allah be with you now and forevermore, and may He continue to smile on you and bring you peace everlasting.

Yours in the Faith,

Marvin G. Lane

ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE

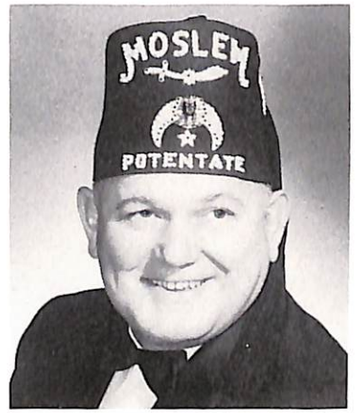
THOMAS D. VAN DINE
Past Potentate (1940)

Here is a portrait of Thomas Dow Van Dine, potentate of Moslem Temple Shrine in 1940, for whom this great Diamond Jubilee Ceremonial Class is named.

Past Potentate Tom was 75 years old March 11, 1955, and Moslem Temple Shrine will observe its seventy-fifth anniversary on June 8, an unusual coincidence in the life of any person or Shrine Temple.

Tom Van Dine has a host of friends throughout North American Shrinedom, because he has lived by the philosophy of the Shrine since he first became a Noble back in 1917. He has been active in the Bowling League, Arab Patrol, and Jesters for many years. No man is better loved by the Nobles of Moslem Temple Shrine than is Thomas Dow Van Dine. Today the more than 14,000 Nobles of our mighty Moslem Temple salute this sterling Shriner. May he continue to serve for many years to come.

MOSLEM'S OFFICIAL DIVAN 1955



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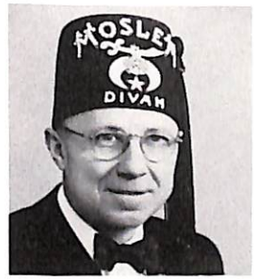

JOSEPH C. DAVIDSON
Chief Rabban

CHARLES L. WILSON
Assistant Rabban

CARL L. JOHNSON
High Priest and Prophet

HERBERT E. PAYNE, JR.
Oriental Guide

TUNIS E. STINSON
Recorder

T. ALLAN SMITH
Treasurer

HISTORY OF MOSLEM TEMPLE

More than 75 years ago — Wednesday, April 21, 1880, to be specific — a small group of leading Detroit Scottish Rite Masons and Knights Templars were summoned to a meeting in the old Masonic Hall on Jefferson avenue east, to discuss the formation of a local branch of a recently-formed organization then known as the Imperial Grand Council of the Order of the United States, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

According to the very brief minutes of that meeting, still preserved by Moslem Temple, there was a special dispensation from the Imperial Grand Council, and the invitation was issued by Noble D. B. Tracey, a Thirty-third Degree Mason.

Noble Tracey met with Jex Bardwell, B. J. Lattimer, G. L. Shipman and B. F. Haxton. There may have been more, but these were the names listed.

The next meeting was held on May 1, and O. W. Shipman became the first "illustrious grand potentate," and John W. McGrath chief rabban. Benjamin J. Haxton was chosen treasurer and recorder, and James Findlater, captain of the guard.

A Detroit newspaper, noting the formation of the new Temple called Moslem, had this to say: "The Order was organized under favorable auspices, and will doubtless take high rank with other fraternal bodies." A most prophetic statement!

Another paper noted: "The Order is not designed to be much more than a frolic for Masons of high degree." Little did that newspaper realize that the Shrine would one day support the great and magnificent Crippled Children's project, with 17 hospitals and an expenditure of more than $4,000,000 a year, now called the "world's greatest philanthropy."

Barely mentioned in the minutes is the fact that Moslem Temple Shrine received its charter on June 2, 1880. But, from that moment on, Moslem became a part of the Masonic life in Detroit, and the first big class of candidates (100) was initiated the following year.

Today Mighty Moslem has continent-wide prestige, more than 14,000 members, and is in excellent financial condition.

The first Shrine Temple was Mecca in New York City. It was formally organized at the Masonic Hall, on East 23rd street, Sept. 26, 1872, with 13 charter members in attendance. Damascus of Rochester, N. Y., was chartered June 7, 1876. By June 20, 1887, the Shrine had 37 Temples (Moslem was No. 12) with a total membership of 4,398. There are now 167 Temples (including 9 in Canada, 1 in Mexico, 1 in Hawaii) with a total membership of nearly 750,000.

HERBERT W. CASE
Entertainment Chairman

Coming Events

JULY 10-15—Moslem's Pilgrimage to Imperial Council Session, Chicago—Hotel Sherman.

JULY 15-26—Post Convention Trip (2 special trains) to Vancouver, Banff, Lake Louise, Yellowstone Park.

AUG. 16—Golf Outing, Meadowbrook Country Club.

SEPT. 16-18—Pilgrimage to Milwaukee.
(Great Lakes Shrine Association)

OCT. 22—Pilgrimage to Grand Rapids.
(All-State Ceremonial)

NOV. 26—Fall Ceremonial, Masonic Auditorium.

CEREMONIAL DRAMATIS PERSONAE

C. Dale Curtis, P.P.	*Illustrious Potentate*
W. G. Robert Maw	*Chief Rabban*
Arthur B. Brooks	*Assistant Rabban*
Arthur Gerish	*High Priest and Prophet*
Richard M. Strauss	*Oriental Guide*
Edward S. Piggins	*Inspired Charge*
William S. Spence	*First Ceremonial Master*
Oren W. McClure	*Second Ceremonial Master*
Frank O. Storer	*Orator*
Rev. G. Paul Musselman	*Chaplain*
Charlie Reeves	*Memorial Service*
Joseph D. Bader	*Marshal*
Richard A. Cott	*Outer Guard*
Charles E. Swales, P.P.	*Lecturer*
Jack Trites	*Color Guard*
Charles Spiess	*Color Guard*
Victor H. Rocho	*Soloist*
Tunis E. Stinson, P.P.	*Master of Ceremonies*
Oriental Band	*Potentate's Slaves*

TEACHERS OF LESSON

George M. Ingram, P.P. — Guy C. Powell

Albert Shapiro — Frank Bostrom

Richard W. Lewis

Richard W. Lewis
Membership Chairman

Program

CEREMONIAL SESSIONS
THOMAS D. VAN DINE CLASS
FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1955

1 P.M.

Candidates Report for Registration, Masonic Temple Drill Hall
Richard W. Lewis, master of candidates' room

3 P.M.

Concert, "Million Dollar" Band . . . . . Main Auditorium
LEONARD B. SMITH, DIRECTOR
Songs by Moslem's Famed Chanters,
HOMER SHAFFMASTER, MANAGER

3:20 to 5 P.M.

Master of Ceremonies . . . . . Tunis E. Stinson, P.P., Recorder
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation . . . . . Rev. G. Paul Musselman
Introduction of Moslem Unit Heads
Introduction of Distinguished Guests
Memorial Services . . . . . Charlie A. Reeves
Ceremonial . . . . . First Section, Ritualistic Work

5 to 7 P.M.

Traditional Complimentary Ceremonial Banquet,
Masonic Temple Dining Rooms

7 P.M.

Concert, "Million Dollar" Band . . . . . Main Auditorium
LEONARD B. SMITH, DIRECTOR
Ceremonial, Second Section, Main Auditorium
"Crossing the Hot Sands"
F. Raymond Dasher, Director, Stunt Corps, and his
"Merry Moslem Men"
Harold Haywood . . . . . Announcer for Stunt Corps

9 P.M.

Big After-Glow For All Nobles, Michigan State Fair Coliseum
Admittance by 1955 Dues Card. State Parking Fee, 25 cents.

MOSLEM TEMPLE'S UNITS

"Million Dollar" Brass Band	Leonard B. Smith, *Director*
Precision Arab Patrol	Vernon Draper, *Captain-General*
Oriental Band	Walter Handzlik, *Director*
Chanters	Homer Shaffmaster, *Business Manager*
Stunt Corps	F. Raymond Dasher, *Director*
Motor Corps	Ralph E. Vanni, *Commander*
Bowling League	Clayton Main, *President*

MOSLEM TEMPLE'S LIVING PAST POTENTATES

James H. Garlick, 1922
Tunis E. Stinson, 1928
Ernest O. Knight, 1929
Charles E. Swales, 1930
Guy W. Moore, 1932
Arthur E. Gordon, 1934
Dr. Lyle C. Ling, 1935
DeWitt H. Merriam, 1936
Frank H. Tout, 1938
Sidney M. Harvey, 1939
Edward J. Savage, 1941
Dr. Milton C. Smith, 1944
C. Dale Curtiss, 1946
T. Melville Rinehart, 1947
Harry A. McDonald, 1948
Vaughan Reid, 1949
Thomas D. Leadbetter, 1951
George M. Ingram, 1952
Walter W. Fuller, 1953
Charles E. Merrill, 1954
Thomas D. Van Dine, 1940

SHRINE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the country for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

NOBLES, PLEASE NOTE . . .

During the offering of a prayer, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine always removes his fez, holds it in the right hand over his heart.

During the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, presentation of the colors, or the playing of the National Anthem, a Noble does NOT remove his fez, but comes to a right hand salute, the tips of his fingers touching the bottom of his fez.

MOSLEM TEMPLE COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ernest O. Knight, P.P. George M. Ingram, P.P.
C. Dale Curtiss, P.P.

MOSLEM TEMPLE ASSOCIATION, INC., TRUSTEES

Marvin G. Lane . . . . . *President*
Edward S. Piggins . . . . . *Vice-President*
Tunis E. Stinson, P.P. . . . . *Secretary*
T. Allan Smith . . . . . *Treasurer*
Vaughan Reid, P.P.
James H. Garlick, P.P. T. Melville Rinehart, P.P.

MOSLEM TEMPLE ASSOCIATION

Ernest O. Knight, P.P. Charles E. Swales, P.P.
Frank H. Tout, P.P.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

Marvin G. Lane, *Potentate* Joseph C. Davidson, *Chief Rabban*
Charles E. Merrill, P.P. Thomas D. Van Dine, P.P.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Entertainment Chairman . . . . . Herbert Case
Transportation Chairman . . . . . William Hare
Reception Chairman . . . . . Frank Proctor
Chicago Chairman . . . . . Victor H. Rocho
Local Crippled Children's Chairman . . . . . Raymond L. Miller
Program, Publicity Chairman . . . . . Walter W. Fuller, P.P.
Membership Chairman . . . . . Richard W. Lewis
Ceremonial Chairman . . . . . Tunis E. Stinson
Medical Corps Director . . . . . Dr. Zina Bennett
Dramatic Director . . . . . Humphreys Springstun
Ushers . . . . . Edwin MacKenzie
Potentate's Chief Aide . . . . . Harvey E. Mack

MOSLEM TEMPLE'S 21 FRIENDLY SHRINE CLUBS

BLUE WATER CLUB ..... PORT HURON
Vern Becker, President

BOULEVARD CLUB ..... DETROIT
Wallace Fisher, President

BRANCH COUNTY CLUB ..... COLDWATER
John E. Wolfe, President

CARAVAN CLUB ..... DETROIT
R. Harold Ling, President

CRESCENT CLUB ..... DETROIT
Samuel W. Leib, President

WALTER P. CHRYSLER CLUB ..... DETROIT
Otto W. Franke, President

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB ..... DETROIT
George Reuter, President

DEARBORN CLUB ..... DEARBORN
Melvin J. Theut, President

DOWNRIVER CLUB ..... WYANDOTTE
John C. O'Brien, President

EAST SIDE CLUB ..... DETROIT
George S. Pirtle, President

HIGHLAND PARK CLUB ..... HIGHLAND PARK
Harold D. Truax, President

HILLSDALE CLUB ..... HILLSDALE
Vern F. Darrow, President

JACKSON CLUB ..... JACKSON
Samuel Gross, President

LENAWEE CLUB ..... ADRIAN
Morris A. Rosenthal, President

LIVINGSTON COUNTY CLUB ..... BRIGHTON
Gerald F. Elliott, President

NORTH WOODWARD CLUB ..... ROYAL OAK
Robert L. Firman, President

OAKLAND CLUB ..... OAKLAND LAKES DISTRICT
Alfred J. Dentzer, President

PONTIAC CLUB ..... PONTIAC
Billie Farnum, President

REDFORD CLUB ..... DETROIT
Frank A. Bostrom, President

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Cyril E. Miller, President

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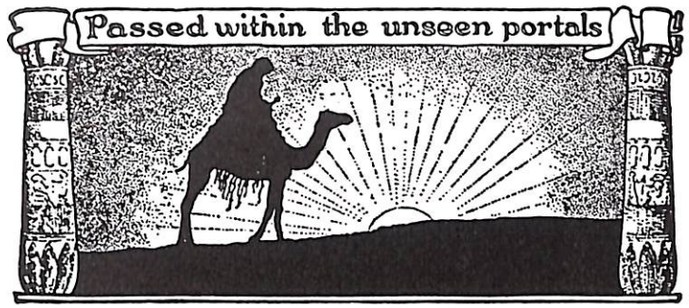
Arthur Rozelle, President

In Memoriam



Since the last ceremonial in December the following Nobles of Moslem Temple Shrine have answered the call of the Black Camel. To the families of each one go the sincere sympathy of the official Divan and the entire Nobility.

Burlin H. Ackles
Roy Annett
Frederick C. Bartlett
Herbert J. Baumgarten
Raymond Bentley
Charles A. Boos
William C. Canterbury
Scott Carpenter
Walter N. Cooper
James F. Davis
A. James DeNike
Alva D. Dickson
John C. Doran
William L. Eves
James R. Everett
Frederick H. Fljozdal
Robert M. Folsom
William C. Fullford
T. Vernon Gadd
Edward A. Gahlau
Charles M. Getson, Sr.
Norman E. Godden
Earl W. Goslee
Harry C. Green
William H. Halladay
Stanley M. Hallam
John L. Harden
Nathaniel Holden
Newton N. Horton
Ernest W. Hotchkiss
Alva Hunn
Elmer N. Hunter
Alexander Imerman
Edmund D. Jackson
Clarence E. Jamieson
Glen W. Jernigan
Harold G. Johnson
William M. Jones
Morris Kaufman
William K. Klatt
John Kuehnle
Karl D. Kysor
William W. Laird
Charles F. Lau
Frank J. Leon
Axel E. Lofgren
Ernest F. Lohr
Robert L. Lofft
Solomon Maneli
Harry Marsh
Malcolm McKinnon
William H. Moeller
William G. Morrow
Maynard E. Morse
Latham H. Mitchell
Sampson Mitchell
Carl P. Muhme
John M. Ozol
Matthew R. Parkinson
Richard R. Paul
Frank C. Pennington
Frank K. Penirian
Balfour H. Philp
Arthur F. Pringnitz
S. Owen Ranney
Nathaniel Raskin
Howard T. Rex
Paul H. Richards
Louis C. Rose
Einar T. Roverud
Frank L. Ryerson
Edwin D. Schafer
Albert Selesnick
Chalmer P. Shaffer
DeWitt L. Sherwood
James R. Sigmon
Carl R. Simons
Ellsworth R. Smith
George W. Spratt
Ralph R. Stoddard
Henry A. Surline
William F. Thieme
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Cassius W. Thorington
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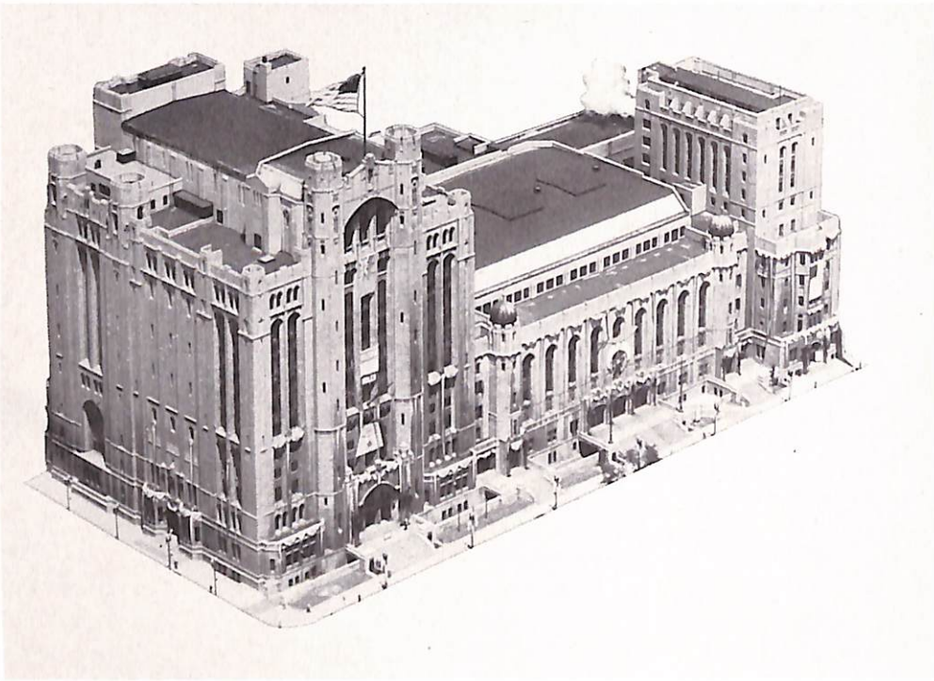

AIR VIEW OF DETROIT'S MASONIC TEMPLE

Detroit's magnificent Masonic Temple, largest in the entire world, was constructed at a total outlay of $8,500,000. Architects have estimated that it would cost $33,000,000 to reproduce this building today.

The Temple houses 35 Blue Lodges, five Royal Arch Chapters, one Council of Royal and Select Masters, two Commanderies of Knights Templar, the Scottish Rite Bodies, and Moslem Temple Shrine, which occupies the east wing .

Excavating for the new Temple began on Nov. 30, 1920. The cornerstone was laid Sept. 18, 1922, and the dedication ceremonies were held Nov. 21, 1926.

Through These Portals Pass Men of Great Distinction –
Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America